

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Cashless Transactions for Highway Toll

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the online payments platform and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have signed a partnership to allow cashless transactions for highway toll and if so, the details thereof along with terms and conditions and the number of toll plaza to be covered by online payments platform;
- (b) whether the Government is also considering to withdraw collection of tolls in some toll collection centres across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard, highway toll-wise; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid overcrowding and congestion on toll highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Government is implementing Electronic Fee Collection (EFC) on National Highways in the country to allow cashless transaction. For this purpose, NHAI has mandated IHMCL (Indian Highways Management Company Ltd.) a company promoted by NHAI. Currently, EFC is operational on over 346 fee plazas on National Highways across the country. As of now NHAI has not signed any partnership or agreement with IHMCL.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Doesn't arise.

(d) For seamless movement at Fee Plazas, a cashless payment mechanism (FASTag) has been rolled out. Electronic Fee Collection (EFC) system has been rolled out w.e.f. 18.04.2016. The use of FASTag shall reduce traffic congestion and increase user convenience in making payments without stoppage at fee plazas thus saving on time, money and fuel.
